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1. The Appeal Brief filed 11/1/07 is still defective for one of the same reasons set forth in the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief of 5/1/07. In the Notice, the Appellant was informed that the brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims (See box 4 of the Notice). In response to the Notice Appellant submitted the Appeal Brief of 11/1/07, which still does not present a concise explanation of the subject matter in the form required. Specifically, Appellant does not cite to the specification by page and line number as required by 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v). Appellant merely provided paragraphs copied from the specification marked by paragraph numbers. Therefore, the Appeal Brief of 11/1/07 is defective. The extension of the one month time period set forth in the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief of 5/1/07 has expired. Consequently, the appeal is dismissed. The dismissal results in the abandonment of the case since there were no allowed claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melody M. Burch whose telephone number is 571-272-7114. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (6:30 AM-3:00 PM).

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